

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9418

INFO USMISSION USUN

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0380

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PINT PORG UNSC DM US

SUBJ: TESTIMONY BEFORE UN FACT FINDING COMMISSION

REF: A STATE 37731 B COTONOU 0370

1. MAJORITY OF CHIEFS OF MISSION HAVE AGREED TO APPEAR AS A BODY AT 0900 LOCAL FEBRUARY 23 BEFORE UN FACT FINDING COMMISSION. IN ORDER TO AVOID MISQUOTATIONS OR QUOTES OUT OF CONTEXT, SEVERAL AMBASSADORS INTEND TO SUBMIT WRITTEN DEPOSITIONS. IN OUR CASE, DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS NECESSARY SINCE I WILL MERELY BE REPORTING MY ABSENCE DURING COUP. SINCE PAO LA SOR, WHO WAS IN CHARGE DURING COUP ATTEMPT, IS ON LEAVE OUTSIDE BENIN, I SHALL BE ONLY AMERICAN WITNESS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMMISSION HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST VIEW DAMAGE TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO SHOW US ALSO SUFFERED PROPERTY DAMAGE AS RESULT OF EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN BENINESE FORCES AND "ATTACKERS." IF DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO INSPECT DAMAGE ON CONDITION THAT I PERSONALLY ESCORT HIM AROUND RESIDENCE.

3. REQUEST NIACT IMMEDIATE REPLY. THOMPSON

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## Message Attributes

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